

RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL  
OF WINDSOR



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MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH



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## WINDSOR RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

To The Chairman and Members of the  
Windsor Rural District.

Although the statistics of this Report relate to 1967 this is the opportunity to again pay tribute to Mr. Rowsell after 31 years of service with your authority and to wish him health and enjoyment in his retirement. At the same time we have been fortunate in having Mr. Barker as the automatic choice to fill the part of Chief Public Health Inspector. The changeover has of course been smooth because of Mr. Barker's experience and knowledge of the work over so many years.

Mr. Cowburn now adds youth and enthusiasm to the Public Health Inspectorate backed by his varied experience particularly with Reading County Borough.

Environmental problems which we referred to last year are still with us. The situation at the "egg factory" has not reached the solution hoped for but while alternative treatment has removed the acute anxiety, careful watching of the situation is necessary. Another old faithful however has demanded attention. This is the proximity of a quite reasonably conducted piggery close to extensive housing development, most of which developed in full knowledge of the piggery's presence. Provided the manager of the piggery makes every reasonable effort to avoid a nuisance occurring, those dwellings nearby must accept a certain farmyard atmosphere which is not a health hazard.

The pet food industry continues intensive working and additional sources of supply have been noted and contact made with colleagues in those areas. It must be remembered however that a considerable amount of the raw material is not classed as unfit. Co-operation with the management continues over the recurring complaints of smell and noise locally.

The modernisation of the Council's sewage disposal works have been completed together with the provision of three automatic pumping stations and approximately  $4\frac{1}{2}$  miles of pumping main costing in all £384,500. As might be expected with a project of this size, there have been some teething troubles but remedial works to overcome these difficulties have been the active concern of your officers and the Council's Consultants.

Noise nuisance has chiefly centered around one particular shop. The noise itself has been reduced to an amount which would be acceptable to most people but again I would refer to the importance in planning authorities giving more thought to vehicular and other traffic which result when premises are used outside the more usual working hours.

In conclusion, I could refer simply to the fact that during 1967 the Mass X-Ray Unit visited the district. Details have already been referred to the Council but it is now generally accepted that the use of such units is now limited and are probably only worthwhile in certain specialised communities.

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Medical Officer of Health



HEALTH AND HOUSING COMMITTEE

Chairman ..... Councillor E.H. Lane B.E.M.

Chairman of the

Council ..... Councillor J.H.F. Matthews J.P.

MEMBERS

Councillor Mrs. R.M. Carr

Councillor Mrs. V. Baker

Councillor G. Back

Councillor K. Buckenham

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Councillor R.W. Portus

Councillor B.H. Rochford

Public Health Officials

Medical Officer of Health

S. J. McCLATCHEY, M.B., B.Ch., B.A.O., D.P.H.

Public Health Inspector and Building Surveyor

W. H. ROWSELL.

Additional Public Health Inspector and Deputy Building  
Surveyor

W. E. BARKER

Clerical Staff

MISS H. RUSSELL

MRS. E.A. STRINGER

Rodent Operative

G. E. FROSDICK

Engineer in charge of Sewage Pumping Station

Blacknest - E. WOOD

Manager of Sewage Disposal Works

Bracknell - A. G. WARREN.

Foreman of Refuse Collection Staff

Sunningdale - S. T. La COMBRE.  
Sunninghill  
Old Windsor

# STATISTICS

Area (in acres) ... ..	8665
Home Population (Registrar-General's Estimate mid year 1967) ... ..	17240
Number of Inhabited Houses at 1st April, 1967 ... ..	5096
Rateable Value at 31st December, 1967 ... ..	£890091
Sum represented by a Penny Rate (year ending 31.3.68) ...	£3523

## Causes of Death in the District during 1967

	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
Tuberculosis, respiratory ... ..	-	-
Tuberculosis, other ... ..	-	-
Meningococcal Infection ... ..	-	-
Acute Poliomyelitis ... ..	-	-
Other Infective and Parasitic Diseases. ...	-	-
Malignant Neoplasm, Stomach ... ..	2	2
Lung, Bronchus ... ..	10	3
Breast. ... ..	-	3
Uterus. ... ..	-	-
Other Malignant & Lymphatic Neoplasms.. ...	13	16
Leukaemia, Aleukaemia ... ..	2	1
Diabetes ... ..	-	-
Vascular Lesions of Nervous System ... ..	14	26
Coronary Disease, Angina .. ...	33	17
Hypertension with Heart Disease.. ...	-	3
Other Heart Disease . ... ..	9	18
Other Circulatory Disease.. ...	6	9
Influenza . ... ..	-	-
Pneumonia . ... ..	1	7
Bronchitis. ... ..	11	2
Other Diseases of Respiratory System... ..	-	-
Ulcer of Stomach and Duodenum ... ..	1	1
Gastritis, Enteritis and Diarrhoea ... ..	-	2
Nephritis and Nephrosis ... ..	-	1
Hyperplasia of Prostate ... ..	-	-
Pregnancy, Childbirth, Abortion.. ...	-	-
Congenital Malformations... ..	-	1
Other Defined and Ill-Defined Diseases. ...	13	17
Motor Vehicle Accidents ... ..	1	1
All Other Accidents . ... ..	-	2
Suicide .. ...	3	2
Totals ... ..	<u>119</u>	<u>134</u>

# BIRTHS

						<u>LIVE BIRTHS</u>		<u>STILLBIRTHS</u>	
						<u>MALE</u>	<u>FEMALE</u>	<u>MALE</u>	<u>FEMALE</u>
Total	...	...	...	...	...	136	122	2	1
Legitimate	...	...	...	...	...	127	117	2	1
Illegitimate	..	...	...	...	...	9	5	-	-
						<u>WINDSOR</u>		<u>ENGLAND</u>	
						<u>R.D.</u>		<u>&amp; WALES</u>	
Birth Rate per 1,000 population	...					15. 0		17. 7	

# INFANT DEATHS

	<u>MALE</u>	<u>FEMALE</u>
Total Deaths of Infants under 1 year ...	4	2
Legitimate ...     ...     ...	4	2
Illegitimate..     ...     ...	-	-
Total Deaths of Infants under 4 weeks...	4	2
Legitimate ...     ...     ...	4	2
Illegitimate..     ...     ...	-	-

  

	<u>WINDSOR</u>	<u>ENGLAND</u>
	<u>R.D.</u>	<u>&amp; WALES</u>
Death Rate per 1,000 population ..     ...	14. 7	11. 2
Infant Mortality Rate.     ...     ...     ...     *	23. 6	18. 3
Perinatal Mortality Rate (Stillbirths and deaths of infants under 1 week of age)	34. 5	
Maternal Mortality Rate	Nil	

\* This is not significant relating to small total number in any one year and should only be considered when averaged over a number of years.



### INFECTIOUS DISEASE NOTIFICATIONS

	Under 1 year	1 to 2	3 to 4	5 to 9	10 to 14	15 to 19	20 to 34	35 to 44	45 to 64	65 and over	Total noti- fied
Scarlet Fever	-	1	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	3
Measles	7	54	91	110	8	3	2	-	-	-	275
Whooping Cough	1	1	5	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	9
Sonne Dysentery	-	-	-	-	-	2	1	-	-	-	3
Food Poisoning	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	2
Puerperal Pyrexia	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	-	-	3

### TUBERCULOSIS

	New Cases			
	Respiratory		Non-Resp.	
	M	F	M	F
0 years	-	-	-	-
1 year	-	-	-	-
5 years	-	-	-	-
15 years	-	-	-	-
25 years	-	-	-	-
35 years	1	-	-	-
45 years	1	-	-	-
55 years	-	-	-	-
65 years & upwards	-	-	-	-
Totals	2	-	-	-

During the year there were reported 6 inward transfers, 1 outward transfer, 1 death and 4 recoveries, giving a total of 75 cases on the register at the end of 1967.

INSPECTIONS, NOTICES SERVED & REFERENCE TO  
OTHER WORK CARRIED OUT BY PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTORS.

NO: OF VISITS

Drainage	-	-	-	135
Water supplies	-	-	-	12
Swimming pools	-	-	-	25
Milk Supplies	-	-	-	36
Food Inspections	-	-	-	65
Food premises	-	-	-	110
Itinerant food vendors	-	-	-	42
Bakehouses	-	-	-	7
Moveable dwellings	-	-	-	52
Infectious diseases	-	-	-	24
Miscellaneous nuisances	-	-	-	75
Streams & water Courses	-	-	-	48
Refuse Tip	-	-	-	36
Sewage Works	-	-	-	22
Pumping Stations	-	-	-	32
Public Conveniences	-	-	-	20

NOTICES:-

(a) No. of informal notices served during the year under P.H. Acts	34
(b) No. of formal notices served during the year	10
(c) Work carried out by Local Authority in default	1
(d) Legal proceedings (see note on "Statutory Action")	1

MILK SUPPLY

Details of samples submitted for heat treatment and keeping quality are set out hereunder.

	Pasteurised T.T.		Pasteurised Channel Island		Pasteurised Homogenised	
	Satis:	Failed	Satis:	Failed	Satis:	Failed
Methylene Blue (Keeping Quality)	25	-	4	-	1	-
Phospase (Heat Treatment)	25	-	4	-	1	-

ICE CREAM

Six samples were taken, of which five were reported as Grade 1 and one as Grade 2 by the Public Health Laboratory.

## FOOD PREMISES

The following is a list of food premises subject to the Food Hygiene (General) Regulations 1960, which with one exemption, comply with the requirements of Regulations 16 & 19. In accordance with the directions given in Circular 1/68 (Annual Report of the Medical Officer for 1967) the 135 premises have again been grouped in Trade categories.

Butchers/fishmongers	-	-	14
Greengrocers	-	-	8
Grocers, Confectioners etc.	-	-	51
Restaurants & Cafes	-	-	4
Bakehouses	-	-	2
Dairies	-	-	1
Licensed Premises	-	-	30
Clubs	-	-	5
Schools	-	-	16
Factories & Offices	-	-	4

## UN SOUND FOOD

Foodstuffs calling for condemnation as unfit during the course of the year are set out in the following table:-

### CANNED PRODUCTS

Fruit	-	-	12 lbs
Meat	-	-	40 lbs

### FRESH, FROZEN & CURED FOODSTUFFS

Meat	-	-	2 cwt 44 lbs
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It has again to be noted (see 1966 Report) that in addition to the above, 1840 packages of various foods were dealt with as 'unsaleable' due to the breakdown of refrigerated display units!

## THE MEAT STAINING & STERILIZATION REGULATIONS 1960

During the year 1967 approximately 1,658 tons of imported unfit meat were released from the docks for sterilization and, or, part processing at a local animal feeding stuffs factory. The meat (primarily horse meat, kangaroo beef, mutton and various offal) is, in the main, imported at the London Docks. As referred to in previous Reports, the circulation of this meat is deemed to be a matter of considerable importance from the Public Health angle, and some measure of control is obtained by way of guarantees, notification etc., but apart from full time inspection at the Factory, checking is largely restricted to paper records and spot checks of specific consignments.



## WATER SUPPLY

During 1967 three samples of water were taken by the Local Authority from the Public Supply and submitted for chemical and bacteriological examination, with satisfactory results. The South West Suburban Water Company are the suppliers for this area and have furnished the following details covering the year under review:- "2,939 samples were examined bacteriologically by this Laboratory during the year, including 1,494 samples representative of South West Suburban supply. 98.9% of all samples representative of supply were free from coliform bacteria compared with 96.1% in 1965 and 99.3% in 1966. E.Coli was not detected in any of these. 2,253 samples were analysed chemically and determinations of radioactivity in both raw and treated water made."

The Company also supply to the Council, copies of typical analysis (both chemical and bacteriological) of samples relative to raw and treated water.

29 samples were taken in conjunction with a large educational establishment using its own chlorinated well water supply, 3 of these were not satisfactory, pointing to the need for adequate and continuous chlorination. Satisfactory repeat samples were obtained in due course.

The number of dwellings in the area is estimated to be:-

870 in the Parish of Sunningdale  
2,790 in the Parish of Sunninghill  
2,004 in the Parish of Old Windsor

With the exception of Friary Island, Old Windsor, which is served by the Rickmansworth & Uxbridge Valley Water Co., the whole district is supplied from the public water mains direct to the houses, by the South West Suburban Water Co., Staines. No dwellings in this area are supplied by means of stand pipes.

During the year 1967 the Ministry of Housing & Local Government called for reports from Water Undertakings regarding lead in supplies under their control and the South West Suburban Water Co., reported as follows:- "No special treatment in relation to lead solvency is applied to the water, 103 samples of treated water were analysed for lead, but only in 10 cases was the substance found, the maximum concentration being 0.015 ppm. Over the same period 58 samples from consumers' premises were similarly analysed and in 7 of these lead was found to a maximum concentration of 0.025 ppm. The W.H.O. International limit for lead is 0.05 ppm."

## SWIMMING POOLS

There are 15 swimming pools in the district attached to commercial and educational establishments and from these 20 samples of water have been taken during the year. In four instances repeat samples were necessary to obtain 100% satisfactory results.



## HOUSING

In 1967 no new dwellings were provided by the Council but work was started on the provision of 47 Old Peoples' dwellings in Sunninghill. In Cheapside, a Housing Association with the aid of the Council commenced work on the provision of 5 almshouses to replace two that had been demolished. During the same period Private Enterprise provided 65 houses (53 houses and 12 flats).

Under the Housing Act 1964, Discretionary Grants amounting to £3,912 and Standard Grants amounting to £1,117 were approved by the Council, the respective number of applications were 16 and 10. In May 1965 the Council declared an area in Old Windsor comprising 99 dwellings to be an Improvement Area for the purpose of Part II of the Housing Act 1964. Improvements, where required, were negotiated with owners to the stage of securing applications for Grants and during 1967 improvement of 6 dwellings were completed.

## COMMON LODGING HOUSES

As previously reported, there are none in this area.

## PEST CONTROL.

During the year under review 270 properties were visited as a result of complaint that rats and/or mice were present and in addition 804 properties were surveyed as a routine measure. Following complaint, 231 cases were found to need treatment and resulting from the survey 112 infestations were discovered and treated. 10% of sewer manholes in one Parish were test baited but no takes were recorded.

Other pests treated included:-

45 Wasps nests

14 Ants nests

6 Swarms of Bees (where collection could not be arranged)

9 Infestations by cockroaches, fleas etc.

Swampy areas in the district were treated with sprays and capsules for the destruction of mosquitoes.

## PUBLIC CONVENIENCES

The Public Conveniences (one in Ascot, one in Sunninghill and one in Old Windsor) continue to be subject to vandalism, although not on any extensive scale. Experience teaches that it is almost impossible to maintain reasonable conditions in these buildings, apart from glazed tiling over the whole of the interior surfaces and a full time duty supervision. An expensive procedure, but there is no real alternative to these measures. In each of the Council's Conveniences, running water, soap and electrically operated warm hand driers are provided.

## SEWERAGE & SEWAGE DISPOSAL

The modernisation of the Council's sewage disposal works was completed, for practical purposes, at the end of 1967. The works are now designed to deal with a DWF of 640,000 gallons per day from a population of 16,000. The area may be said to be fully sewered and, apart from some properties where connection is not practicable, all properties are connected. For those dwellings drained to cesspools the Council operate a "partially free" emptying service, by which 12 x 1,000 gallon loads are removed from a single property in any one year without charge. Owner/Occupiers being responsible for the removal of sewage in excess of the quantity.

## REFUSE COLLECTION & DISPOSAL

Reference to this aspect of the work was made at page 15 of the Report for 1966, since when, some measure of relief in the disposal of refuse has been gained by an Agreement with the adjoining District of Egham, which became operative on January 1st 1968 for a period of nine months. Under this Agreement, 30 tons per week is to be disposed of at the Egham Callow Hill Tip. Following a report by this Council to the Ministry of Housing and Local Government, the latter called a meeting of some six Local Authorities to explore possibilities for joint schemes, but nothing positive has so far resulted. Meanwhile, in spite of the relief referred to, means of disposal in the district will become a serious problem in the foreseeable future.

## STATUTORY ACTION

Notice was served under Section 93 of the Public Health Act 1936 requiring the Abatement of a nuisance caused by an accumulation and deposit of chicken excreta from a Poultry Farm. Proceedings were taken under Section 94 and the Court made a Nuisance Order and costs amounting to 50 guineas were awarded against the Defendant.

## OFFICES, SHOPS & RAILWAY PREMISES ACT 1963

The narrative Report submitted to the Ministry of Labour for the year 1967 is reproduced hereunder:-

" 75% of all premises in the district registered under the above Act have now received a general inspection and, during the year under review, 15 written Notices were served during the year requesting attention to items not in conformity with Statutory requirements. These have been found to be of a comparatively minor nature, e.g. absence of thermometers and suitable First Aid kits, display of Abstract of the Act etc., one or two cases of inadequate ventilation and heating were discovered. Two minor injuries were reported, one caused by tripping whilst carrying files in an office and the other resulting in an unjured ankle was caused by a box in a shop warehouse. No complaints were received from the public."



FACTORIES ACT 1961

1. INSPECTIONS for purposes of provisions as to health  
(including inspections made by Public Health  
Inspectors).

PREMISES  (1)	NUMBER ON REGISTER (2)	NUMBER OF		
		INSPECTIONS  (3)	WRITTEN NOTICES  (4)	OCCUPIERS PROSECUTED  (5)
(i) Factories in which sections 1,2,3,4 & 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities.	4	4	-	-
(ii) Factories not included in (1) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority.	47	36	3	-
(iii) Other premises under the Act (excluding out workers premises)	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	51	40	3	-

FACTORIES ACT (Ctd)

2. CASES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE FOUND

PARTICULARS	NUMBER OF DEFECTS				PROSECUTIONS INSTITUTED
	FOUND	REMEDIED	REFERRED TO H.M. INSPECTOR	REFERRED BY H.M. INSPECTOR	
Want of Cleanliness	-	-	-	-	-
Overcrowding	-	-	-	-	-
Ineffective drainage to floors	-	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable temperature	-	-	-	-	-
Inadequate ventilation	-	-	-	-	-
Sanitary Conveniences:-					
(a) Insufficient	-	-	-	-	-
(b) Unsuitable or defective	3	3	-	2	-
(c) Not separate for sexes	-	-	-	-	-
Other Offences (not including offences relating to home work)	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	3	3	-	2	-

OUTWORKERS

The number of outworkers returned on the August list was 2.





